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SUBJ: AMERICAN EDUCATION IN BAMAKO

1. EMBASSY IS ORGANIZING SUPPLEMENTARY ENGLISH EDUCATION COURSES FOR EMBASSY CHILDREN BEGINNING EARLY JUNE, WHEN FRENCH SCHOOL ENDS FOR THE YEAR. DETAILS ARE BEING POUCHED TO A/OS FOR DR. LUEBKE. RESULTS OF THIS SUMMER SESSION WILL DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT WE CONTINUE SIMILAR PROGRAM WHEN FRENCH SCHOOL RESUMES IN OCTOBER.

2. IN BRIEF, EMBASSY PLANS MORNING CLASSES FOR TWO AGE GROUPS, EACH GROUP MEETING TWICE A WEEK SEPARATELY AND TOGETHER ON FRIDAY. WE EXPECT TO HAVE BETWEEN 12-15 CHILDREN PARTICIPATING.

3. WHILE WE CAN PULL TOGETHER MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR FIRST FEW WEEKS, WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT FINANCIAL SUPPORT DEPARTMENT CAN PROVIDE. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN IS TEACHER'S SALARY. EMBASSY FORTUNATE TO HAVE SERVICES OF MRS. LOIS ROBINSON, A PROFESSIONAL TEACHER, WHO IS THE WIFE OF AID EMPLOYEE JAMES ROBINSON. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW WE CAN PROVIDE HER SALARY.

4. A SURVEY OF POST FAMILIES SHOWED THAT ALL DESIRED TO CONTINUE FRENCH EDUCATION AVAILABLE IN BAMAKO, BUT TO SUPPLEMENT IT WITH TYPE OF PROGRAM OUTLINED ABOVE. VISIT OF DR. LUEBKE WAS VERY HELPFUL IN CLARIFYING OPTIONS.
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